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## Milbridge family's new 'Makeover' house unveiled



Thomas Ray-Smith (left) can't contain himself as he waves to friends in the crowd as the rest of his family talks to Ty Pennington, host of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," before the unveiling of the new Ray-Smith family home on Wyman Road in Milbridge on Sunday.

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## Snowe: Iraq must step up

### Political reforms seen as essential to success

BY NICK SAMBIDES JR.  
OF THE NEWS STAFF

The Iraqi government's failure to create a national reconciliation among battling political and secular factions likely will hasten a U.S. withdrawal from Iraq, U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe said Saturday.



Snowe

Speaking from Baghdad during the first day of a two-day visit, Maine's senior senator praised U.S. troops for their peacekeeping and infrastructure rebuilding, but said their achievements won't last if unaccompanied by greater Iraqi political reforms.

"We obviously have seen the results of the tremendous efforts" of American troops, Snowe said during a conference call. "The sacrifices have been extraordinary. They have done everything possible to give the Iraqi government a way to achieving an initiative.

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# Home at Last

BY AIMEE DOLLOFF  
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Workers and volunteers scrambled Sunday to put on the finishing touches, but with loud chants of "Move that bus" from hundreds of spectators — and a little patience — the Ray-Smith family saw their new Milbridge home for the first time courtesy of ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

Brittany Ray, Ron Smith and their three children returned home Sunday from Walt Disney World in Florida to find that their former homestead had been replaced by an all-new two-story house.

While members of the media weren't allowed to speak with the family because

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After the unveiling, "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" host Ty Pennington gives a thumbs up to the crowd after the Ray-Smith family entered their newly constructed home in Milbridge, the culmination of community volunteer work this week.

## Retired judge seen as pick for new AG

BY DEB RIECHMANN  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush has settled on Michael B. Mukasey, a retired federal judge from New York, to succeed Alberto Gonzales as attorney general and will announce his selection today, a person familiar with the president's decision said Sunday.

Mukasey, who has handled terrorist cases in the U.S. legal system for more than a decade, would become the nation's top law enforcement officer if confirmed by the Senate.

Mukasey, 66, has the support of some key Democrats, and it appeared Bush is trying to avoid a bruising confirmation battle.

The New York native, who is a judicial adviser to GOP presidential hopeful Rudy Giuliani, would take charge of a Justice Department where

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## O.J. Simpson arrested in felony

### Multiple charges in Las Vegas sports memorabilia robbery

BY RYAN NAKASHIMA  
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LAS VEGAS — O.J. Simpson was arrested Sunday and faces multiple felony charges in an alleged armed robbery of collectors involving his sports memorabilia, authorities said.

Prosecutors were planning to charge Simpson with two counts of robbery with use of a deadly weapon, conspiracy to commit robbery, burglary with

a deadly weapon, two counts of assault with a deadly weapon and coercion, said Clark County District Attorney David Roger.

A conviction on the most serious charge, robbery with use of a deadly weapon, could bring a sentence



Simpson

of three to 35 years for each count, he said.

"He is facing a lot of time," Roger said.

Simpson was transferred to a detention center for booking Sunday evening, police Capt. James Dillon said. He said he did not know whether Simpson would be able to post bail and be released Sunday.

"He was very cooperative. There were no issues," Dillon said.

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**Breast cancer survivor Jenifer Lloyd of Hampden (No. 40) runs toward the finish line hand in hand with her husband, Thom (right), and daughter Lily as Casie Ropluski (left) of Winterport cheers them on in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure 5K on Sunday in Bangor. The 11th annual event drew 3,600 registered runners and walkers and raised more than \$170,000.**

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## Iranian TV series sympathetic to plight of Jews in Holocaust

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TEHRAN, Iran — It is Iran's version of "Schindler's List," a miniseries that tells the tale of an Iranian diplomat in Paris who helps Jews escape the Holocaust — and viewers across the country are riveted.

That's surprising enough in a country where hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

has questioned whether the Holocaust even took place. What's more surprising is that government media produced the series and is airing it on state-run television.

The Holocaust is rarely mentioned in state media in Iran, school textbooks don't discuss it, and Iranians have little information about it.

Yet the series titled "Zero

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## 3,600 run, walk to fight breast cancer

### Maine Race for the Cure raises funds for education, screenings, treatment

BY TONI-LYNN ROBBINS  
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BANGOR — When the last runners and walkers left the starting gate of the Komen Race for the Cure, only a handful of volunteers and spectators stayed behind on the waterfront — including Elaine Strout.

As the cheers and clapping

faded, Strout, 75, sat quietly on Front Street in her brown canvas chair balancing a fluorescent pink sign between her knees. The portrait of a stunning brunette was pasted in the upper left corner of the poster board, which read "In Memory of my daughter Melanie Randall. Mel lost her 6 year battle on June 25, 1999. We miss you!"

Strout of Bradford walked in the 1999 race in Randall's memory with her other daughter, Sheree Tillson, but this year she was forced to watch from the sidelines. Strout had surgery just two weeks ago, and, with objections, she listened to her children and did not walk with the rest of the family Sunday.

"This picture was taken in

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